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OUTLAW LEADER AND DRY OFFICER KILLED LAST WEEK

Moonshiners Fight Federal Prohibition Forces in Hills of Menifee County

GEORGE MANLEY IN PARTY

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 20.—A week of skirmishes between moonshiners and federal prohibition agents in the hills of Menifee county, which resulted in the killing of three agents and one moonshiner and the wounding of another outlaw, was ended last Friday night.

A posse of twenty agents were returning from the hill country tonight with five prisoners, Robert Ballard, reputed leader of the outlaws, was shot to death Friday morning. Guy Cole, the third government man killed fell in Friday's battle. Charles Ballard, brother of the slain leader, was wounded, but he escaped.

Members of the outlaw band captured by the posse were:

Jeff Ballard, father, and Alfred Ballard, brother, of the slain leader, William Ferguson, Joseph Elm and Elwood Reffe.

The smashing of the "Ballard gang" by the federal men followed a week of hill country campaigning, marked by three spectacular gun battles.

The drawout battle was inaugurated on Saturday when Agent B. E. Huff was shot to death while leading a party of raiders against a cave used by the outlaws as a still site.

The following day a large posse of federal agents and deputy sheriffs went into the hills but returned after David Treadway, deputized by the federal authorities, was slain by a bullet fired by a hidden rifleman.

The large posse was disbanded following Treadway's death and federal operatives adopted "under cover" methods to locate their men.

Friday morning a packed force of twenty agents moved upon a cabin, where the Ballards had taken up headquarters. The ensuing fight at the cabin was the last stand of the outlaws. Agent Cole fell before the fire of the defenders, but bullets from high-powered rifles in the hands of the attacking party ripped through the walls of the cabin, killing the outlaw leader and wounding his brother.

Covering his retreat with his rifle, Charles Ballard was successful in eluding pursuit. Whether his wounds were sufficiently serious to retard his flight from the immediate vicinity of the fight was not determined.

George H. Manley, of this city, who is now at home for the holidays, was with the other agents in the above drive on the moonshiners.

METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist choir will render a special music program at the church Sunday evening. You are cordially invited.

NOTICE

I have received all necessary supplies for issuing Automobile and Dog Licenses for the year 1923. The law requires that said licenses should be purchased and attached not later than January 1, 1923, therefore, if you are the owner of an automobile or dog, come in and procure your license.

L. E. GUESS, Clerk,
Crittenden County Court

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bagard announce the engagement of their daughter, Cora, to Mr. John H. Keene, of Dallas, Tex. The wedding will take place during the holidays.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting December 18th at the Legion rooms. After the business session the Club adjourned to hold the next meeting Wednesday, January 3 with Mrs. Newton Moore and Miss Elizabeth Rochester as hosts.

POWELL HEATH PARALYSIS VICTIM

**Well Known Weston Citizen
Found Dead On Floor
Thursday Morning**

Powell Heath, a prominent farmer of the Weston section, was found dead on the floor of his residence by members of his family Thursday morning, following a stroke of paralysis, aged about 71 years.

The remains were laid to rest at Mr. Zion cemetery Friday morning. Mr. Heath is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Malvina Henry, and six children: three sons and three daughters: Mrs. Bob Williams and Mrs. Foster Dorris of Providence; Miss Edna Mae Heath of Weston; Billy Heath of East Prairie, Mo.; John and Robert Heath of Weston.

Farm Bureau Notes

Tobacco Grading Demonstrations

Next week, December 28 and 29th, the Dark Tobacco Growers Association in co-operation with the County Agent will hold four grading demonstrations in various parts of the county to instruct the growers in the new method of grading as laid down by the Association. The meetings will be held at the following: Thursday, December 28 at 9 o'clock at the farm of Tifford Righam near Crayne, at 1:30 in the afternoon at Piney Fork at Rev. T. C. Boushens. On Friday the 29th at 9:30 o'clock at the farm of Press McConnell at 11 o'clock at the farm of W. D. Drennan and at 1 o'clock at the Jarvis warehouse in Marion. Every tobacco grower is urged to attend these grading demonstrations, as this work is very important in getting full value for the crop. Make your plans now to attend the demonstration nearest to where you live and if you miss them be sure and attend the one at Marion on Friday afternoon the 29th. Additional details at the County Agent's office if you wish them.

Home Butchering

The last few weeks of cold weather has found many farmers butchering their meat for winter use. This is a very good practice and an economical one too. The Illinois Experiment Station has figured out the cost on the basis of a 225 pound hog using local butcher shop prices that the farmer saves about \$12.00 on his meat bill for every hog killed on the farm. This figures the cost of the hog at 7 1/2¢ per pound and charges nothing for the labor.

The Kentucky Experiment Station recommends the following as essential points in meat curing:

1—Be sure that carcass is thoroughly cooled, out as the animal heat will promote rapid spoiling.

2—Trim hams, shoulders and bacon neatly. Fat edges do not make a good cured product. They should be rendered into lard or made into sausage.

3—Put a heavy layer of salt on each layer of meat or simply bury in salt as meat is packed in large churn or oak barrel.

4—Allow to cure two days in the pound, e. g. 10 pound ham cures 20 days. Curing day any day above freezing.

5—Remove from salt. Brush off all the crusty layer of salt, wash in lukewarm water, hang and let drip 12 hours.

6—Smoke with hard wood, hickory preferred, for about six days or until amber color.

7—Apply warm sorghum molasses to meat until all the pores are filled.

8—Let hang several days before making second application of sorghum.

9—Wrap with heavy paper, then with muslin cloth. Make insect proof.

10—Hang in dark, dry place with hook joints of hams down.

Note: Pepper may be used with the sorghum if desired.

In making sausage use 3-4 lean and 1-4 fat and for every six pounds use 1 1/2 oz. of salt, 1-2 oz. red pepper, one half ounce sage.

How about keeping a record on your farm operations next year by

We have chosen this method of conveying to our friends the earnest hope that Christmas may find you blessed with Peace, Health and Happiness.

Life brings no compensation worthy of comparison to the joys of true friendship and the association of our friends. We desire to thank you for your patronage during the past twelve months.

Trusting that the New Year brings Happiness and Prosperity to you, we remain.

Very Truly yours,

MARION BANK

By T. J. YANDELL, Cashier.

LOVE LAUGHS AT OBSTACLES

**Popular Young Couple Arrive Late
But Are Sent On Their
Way Rejoicing**

Rev. W. T. Oakley, it is said performs a greater number of marriage ceremonies and sends more young couples happily on their way, than any other official in the county. He has the reputation of doing so willingly and in the best of form. He takes a special delight in that part of his official work. But of an instance last week he was not exactly sure of it.

At four o'clock last Friday afternoon the minister received a message that told him to hold himself in readiness to perform a marriage ceremony at his residence at six o'clock. A young couple were on their way to get married and desired no delay in the matter.

In accordance with the message, Rev. Oakley held himself in readiness, studied up a good ceremony, and waited patiently for six o'clock. The hour came, but the couple did not appear. He still waited. By seven o'clock he began to yawn and at eight he gave it up, went to bed and was soon lost in profound slumber. Mrs. Oakley also retired and went to sleep.

In the meantime the prospective bridegroom and bride started from the latter's home, and arrived at the railroad station just in time to see the train go puffing and rolling rapidly toward Marion.

It was a sore disappointment, but they wouldn't be blamed by missing a train. There was nothing left for the prospective bridegroom to do but to foot it back home for some kind of rig to take them to Marion.

This, after a long delay, he accomplished and again they started off toward Marion. The night was dark the weather threatening rain and they had to drive slowly. However just as the town clock was striking eleven they drove up to Rev. Oakley's residence.

The would-be bridegroom rapped on the door but received no response. He rapped again more loudly and presently they heard the sound of bare feet against the floor and shortly the minister appeared.

"We are here," spoke up the young couple in chorus.

"Yes, I see," responded the minister, "Come into the parlor."

Rev. Oakley called for Mrs. Oakley to witness the ceremony and again they heard the sound of other bare feet against the floor.

The couple to be married were Mr. Earl Ordway, son of J. A. Ordway, and Miss Lizzie Watson, daughter of Tom Watson, all of this county. They are both popular young people of their section. After the ceremony they left for home.

Meaning of a Farm Account Book? Find out which things are returning you the most money. Now is the time to start as it is the beginning of a new calendar year. See the County Agent about obtaining one of these books, he will be glad to help you start it out.

Subscribe for The Press.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT AUDITORIUM

**Splendid Entertainment Given by
Students of Marion
High School**

A play entitled "Gifts" was given at the School Auditorium Wednesday evening by students of the English Class 9D, Marion High School, Miss Lurline Lewis, teacher. A large audience was present. The room was filled to the utmost capacity, standing room was all taken and those who came late failed to get in.

The play was a home talent production. It was written especially for the occasion by Dorothy Haynes, a member of the class, and splendidly performed by Marion young people. The play was given in four acts. The scene was laid in Bethlehem and beautifully depicted the events transpiring there at the time of the birth of Jesus.

Following is the cast of characters: Mary, Juanita, Sisco; Louisa, Irene Rankin; Mrs. Grap, Lucile Paris; Esther, Dorothy Haynes; Wise Men of the East, Wilborn Rankin, Gordon Carverright, Thomas Fritts; Stranger, Daghey Simpson; Justice, Katherine Boyd; Humanity, Ada Neffe Frazer; Angel, Gladys Paris.

Musical readings were given between acts by Virginia Terry.

Sides between acts by Blanch Gues. At the close of the entertainment Miss R. E. Jaggars gave a short talk in commendation of the play, the splendid lesson it taught and the way in which the young actors acquitted themselves. A rising vote of appreciation was given by the audience.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Government has called Victory bonds for redemption, interest to stop Dec. 15, 1922.

Your war savings stamps will be due Jan. 1, 1923. Any information which you desire in regard to bonds or War Savings Stamps will be gladly given without charge.

FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO
Marion, Kentucky

NOTICE

All claims against the estate of Mrs. Abeline Stovall must be presented on or before January 15, 1923 to W. R. CRUCE, Adm'r.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
Preaching: 11:00 A. M. "Is it ever a blessing to be deaf." 7:00 P. M. "The Picture of the Messiah." A special musical program is arranged for the evening service. Junior and Senior B. Y. B. U., meeting 6:00 P. M.

Evangelist meeting Wednesday 7:00 P. M. Choir practice Wednesday evening following prayer meeting.

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Jehovah of hosts!"

B. H. DUNCAN, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

J. W. FLYNN, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45, E. F. Sullivan, Supl. Communion and preaching at 11 o'clock.
Bible subject—The Unique Birth and Mission of Christ.
Evangelist subject—The Last Words of Christ on the Cross.
Special program and special music.
Everybody welcome.

AFTER MOONSHINERS

Federal Prohibition Agent Geo. H. Manley, who is at home here to spend the Christmas holidays, was, with 17 other agents, two deputy marshals and a deputy sheriff, in the recent raid on the moonshiners of Menifee county. In the raid one agent, Guy Cole, of Warren County, was killed and two moonshiners, Charley Ballard and Robert Ballard, were shot to death, the former receiving two bullet wounds.

RED DUROCS FOR SALE

Several Sows, one male for sale; Standard bred all of them. W. S. LOWERY, Marion, Ky., Salem Star Route.

LETTER FROM E. S. MOORE

**Former Crittenden County Boy
Writes Reminiscently
of Old Home**

It seems only yesterday when I was a boy on my father's farm near Marion. There was no railroad in the county at that time. Mr. Dave Stinson was Postmaster and I well remember having asked him "Is there any mail for Pa?" He looked at me and remarked, "Who is your Pa?" I thought, of course, anybody would know who Pa was.

Messrs. Tom Cameron, Jack Woods, Will Hughes and Dick Dorr were familiar names among the business men of the town. Dave Woods was County Clerk. R. C. Walker was editor of the Press. This paper was a weekly visitor to our home. It was largely through this editor and paper that the present school building was erected in Marion.

The familiar names and faces in Marion and through the county linger in my mind to this good day, though I have been away for more than twenty years. I love my native county and her fine people. They have been a little slow in road building. Most every county in the western part of the state is ahead of her in the way of good roads but I think she will come along by and by.

I joined the Louisville Conference at Bowling Green in 1901 and was stationed at Dawson Springs that year. My work during these years has given me the opportunity of being in most every county and county seat in western Kentucky.

I am now at Livermore, a town of 1500 people and is situated on Green River.

Mr. O. Tucker, who married one of Marion's best girls, was a native of this county. There are other connections between Crittenden and McLean counties. Some years ago the school board at Livermore elected Prof. W. L. Mathews as principal of her school. He was a great school man, remaining here eight years and did a wonderful work. Miss Lola Cleghorn, also of Crittenden county, taught two schools in this county. And now Miss Jerry Rankin, of Weston, a graduate of Marion High, is making good and is liked by pupils and patrons.

In church work also Crittenden men have played a part. Robert and Charles Lear have been here in meetings. Robert Lear holds a very successful revival meeting here two years ago. This year Rev. O. M. Capshaw, once a pastor at Tolu, and Herschel Franklin, brother of Hollis C. Franklin, held two splendid revivals on the Livermore charge. No two men were praised more than were these two men.

This makes our third year at Livermore. They have been pleasant years.

I wish the editor and all the readers of the Press a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. If you have space let this letter go through. In my next letter perhaps I'll tell you about Noddenus up the tree.

E. S. MOORE

Miss Nellie Stone, who is a teacher of sociology in Alabama Technical Institute and College for Young Women, at Montevallo, Ala., will arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stuge.

* NO PAPER NEXT WEEK *

* Following our usual custom there will be no Paper next week. We wish our readers and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *

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